

Certain sufficient conditions for parabolic starlike and uniformly close-to-convex functions

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Abstract. In the present paper, we study certain differential subordinations and obtain sufficient conditions for parabolic starlikeness and uniformly close-to-convexity of analytic functions.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathcal{A} denote the class of all functions f analytic in $\mathbb{E} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$, normalized by the conditions $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$. Therefore, Taylor's series expansion of $f \in \mathcal{A}$, is given by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k.$$

Let the functions f and g be analytic in \mathbb{E} . We say that f is subordinate to g written as $f \prec g$ in \mathbb{E} , if there exists a Schwarz function ϕ in \mathbb{E} (i.e. ϕ is regular in $|z| < 1$, $\phi(0) = 0$ and $|\phi(z)| \leq |z| < 1$) such that

$$f(z) = g(\phi(z)), \quad |z| < 1.$$

Let $\Phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an analytic function, p an analytic function in \mathbb{E} with $(p(z), zp'(z); z) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{E}$ for all $z \in \mathbb{E}$ and h be univalent in \mathbb{E} . Then the function p is said to satisfy first order differential subordination if

$$\Phi(p(z), zp'(z); z) \prec h(z), \quad \Phi(p(0), 0; 0) = h(0). \quad (1.1)$$

A univalent function q is called a dominant of the differential subordination (1.1) if $p(0) = q(0)$ and $p \prec q$ for all p satisfying (1.1). A dominant \tilde{q} that satisfies $\tilde{q} \prec q$ for all dominants q of (1.1), is said to be the best dominant of (1.1). The best dominant

is unique up to a rotation of \mathbb{E} .

A function $f \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to be parabolic starlike in \mathbb{E} , if

$$\Re \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|, z \in \mathbb{E}. \quad (1.2)$$

The class of parabolic starlike functions is denoted by $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}$. A function $f \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to be uniformly close-to-convex in \mathbb{E} , if

$$\Re \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right) > \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right|, z \in \mathbb{E}, \quad (1.3)$$

for some $g \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}$. Let UCC denote the class of all such functions. Note that the function $g(z) \equiv z \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{P}}$. Therefore, for $g(z) \equiv z$, condition (1.3) becomes:

$$\Re (f'(z)) > |f'(z) - 1|, z \in \mathbb{E}. \quad (1.4)$$

Define the parabolic domain Ω as under:

$$\Omega = \{u + iv : u > \sqrt{(u-1)^2 + v^2}\}.$$

Note that the conditions (1.2) and (1.4) are equivalent to the condition that $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$

and $f'(z)$ take values in the parabolic domain Ω respectively.

Ronning [8] and Ma and Minda [4] showed that the function defined by

$$q(z) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \quad (1.5)$$

maps the unit disk \mathbb{E} onto the parabolic domain Ω . Therefore, the condition (1.2) is equivalent to

$$\Re \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \prec q(z), z \in \mathbb{E}, \quad (1.6)$$

and condition (1.4) is same as

$$\Re (f'(z)) \prec q(z), z \in \mathbb{E}, \quad (1.7)$$

where $q(z)$ is given by (1.5).

It has always been a matter of interest for the researchers to find sufficient conditions for uniformly starlike and close-to-convex functions. The operators $f'(z)$, $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$, $1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ have played an important role in the theory of univalent functions. Various classes involving the combinations of above differential operators have been introduced in literature by different authors. For $f \in \mathcal{A}$, define differential operator $J(\alpha; f)$ as follows:

$$J(\alpha; f)(z) = (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In 1973, Miller et al. [5] studied the class \mathcal{M}_α (known as the class of α -convex functions) defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{M}_\alpha = \{f \in \mathcal{A} : \Re[J(\alpha; f)(z)] > 0, z \in \mathbb{E}\}.$$

They proved that if $f \in \mathcal{M}_\alpha$, then f is starlike in \mathbb{E} . In 1976, Lewandowski et al. [3] proved that if $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies the condition

$$\Re \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > 0, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

then f is starlike in \mathbb{E} . Further, Silverman [9] defined the class \mathcal{G}_b by taking quotient of operators $1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ and $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$:

$$\mathcal{G}_b = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{A} : \left| \frac{1 + zf''(z)/f'(z)}{zf'(z)/f(z)} - 1 \right| < b, z \in \mathbb{E} \right\}.$$

The class \mathcal{G}_b had been studied by Tuneski ([7], [12]). For $f \in \mathcal{A}$, define differential operator $I(\alpha; f)$ as follows:

$$I(\alpha; f)(z) = (1 - \alpha)f'(z) + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Let $\mathcal{H}_\alpha(\beta)$ be the class of normalized analytic functions defined in \mathbb{E} which satisfy the condition

$$\Re[I(\alpha; f)(z)] > \beta, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

where α and β are pre-assigned real numbers. The class $\mathcal{H}_\alpha(0)$ was introduced and studied by Al-Amiri and Reade [1] in 1975. They proved that the members of $\mathcal{H}_\alpha(0)$ are univalent for $\alpha \leq 0$. In 2005, Singh et al. [11] studied the class $\mathcal{H}_\alpha(\alpha)$ and proved that the functions in $\mathcal{H}_\alpha(\alpha)$ are univalent for $0 < \alpha < 1$. Recently, the class $\mathcal{H}_\alpha(\beta)$ has been studied by Singh et al. [10]. They established that members of $\mathcal{H}_\alpha(\beta)$ are univalent for $\alpha \leq \beta < 1$. In the present paper, we use the technique of differential subordination to study differential operators $I(\alpha; f)(z)$ and $J(\alpha; f)(z)$ and we obtain certain sufficient conditions for uniformly close-to-convex and parabolic starlike functions in terms of differential subordinations involving the operators $I(\alpha; f)(z)$ and $J(\alpha; f)(z)$. To prove our main results, we shall use the following lemma of Miller and Mocanu [6].

Lemma 1.1. *Let q be a univalent in \mathbb{E} and let θ and ϕ be analytic in a domain \mathbb{D} containing $q(\mathbb{E})$, with $\phi(w) \neq 0$, when $w \in q(\mathbb{E})$. Set $Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi[q(z)]$, $h(z) = \theta[q(z)] + Q(z)$ and suppose that either*

- (i) h is convex, or
- (ii) Q is starlike.

In addition, assume that

- (iii) $\Re \left(\frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} \right) > 0$ for all z in \mathbb{E} . If p is analytic in \mathbb{E} , with $p(0) = q(0)$, $p(\mathbb{E}) \subset \mathbb{D}$ and

$$\theta[p(z)] + zp'(z)\phi[p(z)] \prec \theta[q(z)] + zq'(z)\phi[q(z)], z \in \mathbb{E},$$

then $p(z) \prec q(z)$ and q is the best dominant.

2. Main result

Theorem 2.1. *If $f \in \mathcal{A}$, satisfies the differential subordination*

$$(1 - \alpha)f'(z) + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \prec (1 - \alpha) \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \right\} \\ + \alpha \left\{ 1 + \frac{\frac{4}{\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2} \right\}, z \in \mathbb{E}, \quad (2.1)$$

for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, then

$$f'(z) \prec 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2, z \in \mathbb{E} \text{ i.e. } f \in UCC.$$

Proof. Let us define the function θ and ϕ as follows:

$$\theta(w) = (1 - \alpha)w + \alpha$$

and

$$\phi(w) = \frac{\alpha}{w}.$$

Obviously, the function θ and ϕ are analytic in domain $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ and $\phi(w) \neq 0$ in \mathbb{D} . Define the functions Q and h as follows:

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \frac{\alpha zq'(z)}{q(z)}$$

and

$$h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z) = (1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right).$$

Further, select the functions $p(z) = f'(z)$, $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $q(z) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2$, we obtain (2.1) reduces to

$$(1 - \alpha)p(z) + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right) \prec (1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zq'(z)}{q(z)} \right) = h(z). \quad (2.2)$$

Now,

$$Q(z) = \frac{\frac{4\alpha\sqrt{z}}{\pi^2(1-z)} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} = \frac{1+z}{2(1-z)} + \frac{\sqrt{z}}{(1-z) \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)} - \frac{\frac{4\sqrt{z}}{\pi^2(1-z)} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2}. \quad (2.4)$$

It can easily be verified that $\Re \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} > 0$ in \mathbb{E} and hence Q is starlike in \mathbb{E} . Also we have

$$h(z) = (1 - \alpha) \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \right\} + \alpha \left\{ 1 + \frac{\frac{4}{\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2} \right\}$$

and

$$\frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} = \frac{1+z}{2(1-z)} + \frac{\sqrt{z}}{(1-z) \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)} - \frac{\frac{4\sqrt{z}}{\pi^2(1-z)} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2} + \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \right) \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \right\}.$$

For $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, we have $\Re \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} > 0$.

The proof, now, follows from (2.2) by the use of Lemma 1.1. □

Theorem 2.2. *Let α be a positive real number. If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies*

$$(1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \prec 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 + \alpha \left\{ \frac{\frac{4}{\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2} \right\}, z \in \mathbb{E}, \tag{2.5}$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \text{ i.e. } f \in S_{\mathcal{P}}.$$

Proof. Let us define the function θ and ϕ as follows:

$$\theta(w) = w$$

and

$$\phi(w) = \frac{\alpha}{w}.$$

Obviously, the function θ and ϕ are analytic in domain $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ and $\phi(w) \neq 0$ in \mathbb{D} . Define Q and h as under:

$$Q(z) = zq'(z)\phi(q(z)) = \frac{\alpha zq'(z)}{q(z)}$$

and

$$h(z) = \theta(q(z)) + Q(z) = q(z) + \frac{\alpha zq'(z)}{q(z)}.$$

On writing $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$, $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $q(z) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2$, (2.5) becomes

$$p(z) + \frac{\alpha zp'(z)}{p(z)} \prec q(z) + \frac{\alpha zq'(z)}{q(z)}. \quad (2.6)$$

Here Q is given by (2.3) and $\frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)}$ is given by (2.4). It can easily be verified that $\Re \frac{zQ'(z)}{Q(z)} > 0$ in \mathbb{E} and hence Q is starlike in \mathbb{E} . Further

$$h(z) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 + \alpha \left\{ \frac{\frac{4}{\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2} \right\}$$

and therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} &= \frac{1+z}{2(1-z)} + \frac{\sqrt{z}}{(1-z) \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)} - \frac{\frac{4\sqrt{z}}{\pi^2(1-z)} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\alpha > 0$, therefore, we have $\Re \frac{zh'(z)}{Q(z)} > 0$.

Thus, the proof follows from (2.6) by the use of Lemma 1.1. \square

3. Deductions

Setting $\alpha = 1$ in Theorem 2.1, we get:

Corollary 3.1. *If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies*

$$\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \frac{\frac{4}{\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2}, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

then

$$f'(z) \prec 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \text{ i.e. } f \in UCC.$$

Writing $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ in Theorem 2.1, we obtain:

Corollary 3.2. *Let $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfy the differential subordination*

$$f'(z) + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 + \frac{\frac{4}{\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2} = F(z), \quad (3.1)$$

then

$$f'(z) \prec 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{z}}{1 - \sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \text{ i.e. } f \in UCC.$$

Remark 3.3. In 2011, Billing et al. [2] proved the following result:
 If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies the condition

$$\left| f'(z) + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} - 1 \right| < \frac{5}{6}, z \in \mathbb{E}, \tag{3.2}$$

then $f \in UCC$.

Note that, Corollary 3.2 is a particular case of Theorem 2.1 corresponding to the above result (given by (3.2)). For comparison, we plot the image of unit disk under the function $F(z)$ given by (3.1) and this image is given by light shaded portion of Figure 3.1. We notice that, by virtue of Corollary 3.2 the differential operator $f'(z) + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ takes values in the whole shaded portion of the Figure 3.1 to conclude that $f \in UCC$, whereas by (3.2) the same operator can take values only in a disk of radius $5/6$ centered at 1 (shown by dark portion of Figure 3.1) to conclude the same result. Thus, the region for variability of operator $f'(z) + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ is extended largely in Corollary 3.2.

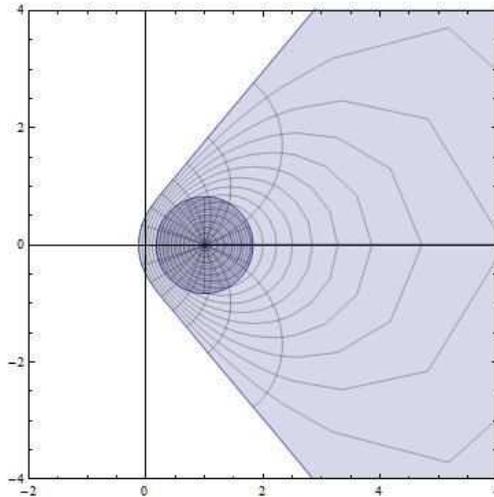


Figure 3.1

Taking $\alpha = 1$ in Theorem 2.2, we have the following result.

Corollary 3.4. Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies

$$\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 + \frac{\frac{4}{\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z} \log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2} = G(z), \quad (3.3)$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \quad \text{i.e. } f \in S_{\mathcal{P}}.$$

Remark 3.5. In 2011, Billing et al. [2] also proved the following result which gives the parabolic starlikeness for the functions belonging to the class \mathcal{A} :

If $f \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies the differential inequality

$$\left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right| < \frac{5}{6}, \quad z \in \mathbb{E}, \quad (3.4)$$

then $f \in S_{\mathcal{P}}$.

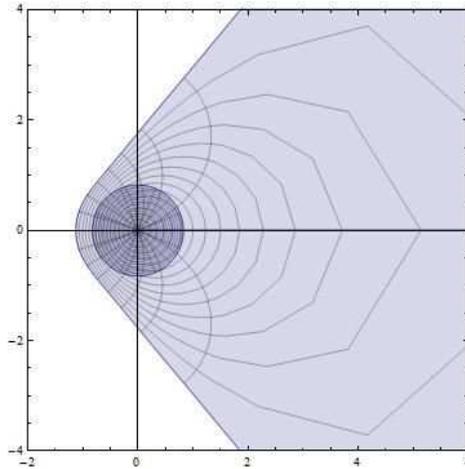


Figure 3.2

Clearly, Corollary 3.4 is a particular case of Theorem 2.2 corresponding to the above result given by (3.4). For comparison, we plot the image of unit disk under the function $G(z)$ given by (3.3) and this image is shown in the light shaded portion of Figure 3.2. In the light of Corollary 3.4, the differential operator $\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ takes values in the whole shaded portion of the Figure 3.2 to conclude that $f \in S_{\mathcal{P}}$, but (3.4) indicates that for the same conclusion, operator $\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ can take values only in the

disk of radius $5/6$ centered at origin and this portion is shown by dark portion of Fig 3.2. Thus, the region for variability of operator $\frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ has been extended largely.

On writing $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ in Theorem 2.2, we get:

Corollary 3.6. *If $f \in \mathcal{A}_p$ satisfies*

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec 1 + \frac{4}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 + \frac{\frac{4}{\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z} \log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right)}{1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2}, z \in \mathbb{E},$$

then

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right) \right)^2 \quad \text{i.e. } f \in S_p.$$

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